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ABSTRACT

A survey of 1,074 students and 77 faculty members at Los Angeles City College (LACC), as well as 5,710 students and 505 teachers districtwide, was conducted in classes meeting on July 10, 1979, to obtain reactions to the 1979 summer session "four-day" schedule, i.e., courses were scheduled only Monday through Thursday. The student questionnaire solicited information on enrollment and attendance patterns, number and type of courses currently attending, number of days in attendance, scheduling preferences, employment, and transportation. Faculty members were asked about course load, number of days on campus, if courses were day or evening, lecture or lab, and scheduling preferences. The findings indicated that over 80% of the faculty and about 70% of the students at LACC preferred the four-day schedule to any other, and that those who indicated a preference for a change would schedule fewer days and less hours. LACC and districtwide preferences showed little difference despite the fact that the LACC group included a greater percentage of day students (72% vs. 62%) and of students that used the bus (31% vs. 18%), and a smaller percentage of students that drove their own cars (56% vs. 69%). The study report outlines the LACC and districtwide responses to each survey item and includes the questionnaires. (JP)

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LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

"1979 Summer Session Survey"

Research Study #79-12

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Purpose of the Study

This study was designed by District Office personnel to obtain student and faculty reactions to the 1979 Summer Session "four-day" schedule.

Procedure of the Study

Staff of the District Office of Educational Planning prepared instruments (copies attached) and requested the Research Coordinators at the colleges to assist in the distribution and collection of the instruments. Accordingly, student questionnaires were distributed through faculty to classes meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Faculty questionnaires were distributed through faculty mailboxes.

Completed questionnaires were returned to the District Office for compilation. In turn, the District Office furnished frequency tables for LACC and a summary of District totals. These items provide the findings of the next section.

Findings

1074 LACC students and 77 faculty returned completed questionnaires. Districtwide, 5710 students and 505 faculty completed the instruments.

The following tables indicate responses to the various questions:

STUDENTS

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
2.	Have you previously enrolled in fall or spring semester classes at this or other LACCD College?				
	Yes	683	63.8	3702	65
	No	388	36.2	2008	35
	Total	1071	100.0	5710	100
3.	Have you previously enrolled in summer session classes at this or other LACCD college?				
	Yes	384	36.1	2051	36
	No	679	63.9	3635	64
	Total	1063	100.0	5686	100

STUDENTS (Continued)

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
4.	Do you plan to take courses at this college or other LACCD college next fall semester?				
	Yes	821	77.5	4190	74
	No	238	22.5	1471	26
	Total	1059	100.0	5661	100
5.	Are you enrolled during the day or evening?				
	Day	773	72.1	3557	62
	Evening	206	19.2	1577	28
	Both	93	8.7	592	10
	Total	1072	100.0	5661	100
6.	In how many courses are you now enrolled?				
	One	586	55.1	3469	61
	Two	426	40.0	1964	35
	Three	52	4.9	260	5
	Total	1064	100.0	5693	101
7.	Does the course(s) include lecture, lab, or both?				
	Lecture	759	74.1	3764	68
	Lab	18	1.8	170	3
	Both	247	24.1	1586	29
	Total	1024	100.0	5520	100
8.	For how many days each week do you come to take your course(s)?				
	Two	12	1.1	292	5
	Three	24	2.3	152	3
	Four	878	82.4	4548	80
	Five	151	14.2	701	12
	Total	1065	100.0	5693	100

STUDENTS (Continued)

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
9.	If the course(s) you are taking were scheduled next summer, which of the following schedules would you prefer?				
	More days each week but fewer hours.	98	9.2	450	8
	Fewer days each week but more hours.	231	21.6	1117	20
	Same as this year.	737	69.2	4109	72
	Total	1067	100.0	5676	100
10.	If classes were scheduled only four days each week, which would you prefer?				
	Mon - Thurs	910	85.1	4922	86
	Tue - Fri	67	6.3	307	5
	No preference	92	8.6	471	8
	Total	1069	100.0	5700	100
11.	How many hours per week are you working this summer while going to school?				
	None	340	32.1	1664	30
	1 - 19	201	19.0	916	16
	20 - 39	259	24.5	1479	26
	40 +	258	24.4	1589	28
	Total	1058	100.0	5648	100
12.	How do you get to the college?				
	Own car	586	55.5	3906	69
	Car pool	42	4.0	365	6
	Bus	332	31.4	1005	18
	Other	96	9.1	398	7
	Total	1056	100.0	5674	100

STUDENTS (Continued)

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
13.	With an extra day off, would you use more, less, or the same amount of fuel for other purposes than you would use to drive to college that day?				
	More	95	9.0	601	11
	Less	341	32.4	2246	40
	Same	292	27.7	1631	29
	Does not apply	326	30.9	1163	21
	Total	1054	100.0	5641	101

FACULTY

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
2.	Do you teach during the day or evening?				
	Day	68	88.3	363	72
	Evening	8	10.4	113	22
	Both	1	1.3	29	6
	Total	77	100.0	505	100
3.	How many courses are you teaching?				
	One	33	43.4	253	52
	Two	38	50.0	221	45
	Three	5	6.6	19	4
	Total	76	100.0	493	101
4.	Does the course(s) include lecture, lab, or both?				
	Lecture	50	64.9	332	66
	Lab	3	3.9	20	4
	Both	24	31.2	152	30
	Total	77	100.0	504	100

FACULTY (Continued)

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
5.	How many total days each week do you come to campus to teach a course(s)?				
	Two	2	2.6	13	3
	Three	6	7.8	21	4
	Four	60	77.9	419	83
	Five	9	11.7	50	10
	Total	77	100.0	503	100
6.	If the course(s) you are teaching were scheduled next summer, which of the following schedules would you prefer?				
	More days each week but fewer hours.	2	2.7	9	2
	Fewer days each week but more hours	10	13.5	78	16
	Same as this year.	62	83.8	411	83
	Total	74	100.0	498	101
7.	If classes were scheduled only four days each week, which would you prefer?				
	Mon - Thurs	70	90.0	445	89
	Tue - Fri	3	3.9	22	4
	No preference	4	5.2	34	7
	Total	77	100.0	501	100
8.	With an extra day off from teaching summer session classes, would you use more, less, or the same amount of fuel for other purposes than you would use to drive to college that day?				
	More	1	1.3	3	1
	Less	68	88.3	421	85
	Same	6	7.8	43	9
	Does not apply	2	2.6	31	6
	Total	77	100.0	498	101

FACULTY (Continued)

Survey Question No.		LACC No.	LACC %	District No.	District %
9.	Have you previously taught LACCD summer session classes?				
	Yes	69	89.6	NA	NA
	No	8	10.4		
	Total	77	100.0		
10.	If you have previously taught LACCD summer session classes, has this year's schedule changed the number of days you teach each week?				
	Yes	43	62.3	260	60
	No	26	37.7	176	40
	Total	69	100.0	436	100

(Written comments not available.)

Conclusions

(1) Faculty and students, both at LACC and districtwide, clearly prefer the four day Monday through Thursday schedule to any other arrangement. Over 80% of faculty and about 70% of students prefer the 1979 schedule. Those who do prefer a change would by a two to one ratio (five to one faculty) prefer fewer days and less hours to the reverse.

(2) LACC and districtwide preferences show little difference. Student characteristics differ in that LACC shows a greater percentage of day students (72% to 62%), and more LACC students get to the campus by bus (31% to 18%), fewer by their own car (56% to 69%).

A full report from the District Office of Educational Planning is expected shortly.

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGES
SUMMER SESSION SURVEY OF STUDENTS

Los Angeles Community Colleges have attempted to schedule summer session classes that meet your educational needs, are accessible and convenient, and conserve energy and expenses by scheduling most classes Monday through Thursday only. This questionnaire is for the purpose of learning how this schedule affects you so that we can plan future summer session schedules more effectively. Thank you very much for responding to this questionnaire.

Please check spaces provided by the most accurate response to each of the following questions:

1. At which college are you enrolled this summer?

_____	East LA	1	_____ LA Southwest	6
_____	LA City	2	_____ LA Trade-Tech	7
_____	LA Harbor	3	_____ LA Valley	8
_____	LA Mission	4	_____ West LA	9
_____	LA Pierce	5		

2. Have you previously enrolled in fall or spring semester classes at this college or any of the colleges listed in question 1?

_____ Yes 1
_____ No 2

3. Have you previously enrolled in summer session classes at this college or any of the colleges listed in question 1?

_____ Yes 1
_____ No 2

4. Do you plan to take courses at this college or any of the colleges listed in question 1 next fall semester?

_____ Yes 1
_____ No 2

5. Are you enrolled during the day (before 4:30 P.M.) or in the evening (4:30 P.M. or later)?

_____ Day 1
_____ Evening 2
_____ Both 3

6. In how many courses are you now enrolled?

_____ One 1
_____ Two 2
_____ Three 3

7. Does the course (or courses) include lecture, lab, or both lecture and lab hours?

_____ Lecture 1
_____ Lab 2
_____ Both 3

8. For how many total days each week do you come to campus to take your course (or courses)/

_____ Two 1
_____ Three 2
_____ Four 3
_____ Five 4

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9. If the course(s) you are taking were scheduled next summer, which of the following schedules would you prefer?

A. More days each week but fewer hours	____A	1
B. Fewer days each week but more hours	____B	2
C. Same as this year	____C	3

10. If classes were cheduled only four days each week, which of the following days would you prefer?

A. Monday through Thursday	____A	1
B. Tuesday through Friday	____B	2
C. No preference	____C	3

11. How many hours per week are you working this summer while going to school?

	____0	1
	____1-19	2
	____20-39	3
	____40 or more	4

12. How do you get to the college?

____Own car	1
____Car pool	2
____Bus	3
____Other	4

13. With an extra day off from attending summer session classes, would you use more, less, or the same amount of fuel for other purposes than you would use to drive to college that day?

____More	1
____Less	2
____Same	3
____Does not apply	4

14. If you have other comments or suggestions about the summer session schedule, please write them in the space below.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP

Prepared by the Office of Educational Planning, Educational Services Division

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGES
SUMMER SESSION SURVEY OF FACULTY

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Please check spaces provided by the most accurate response to each of the following questions:

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1. At which college are you teaching this summer?

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_____	La City	2	_____ LA Trade-Tech	7
_____	LA Harbor	3	_____ LA Valley	8
_____	LA Mission	4	_____ West LA	9
_____	LA Pierce	5		

2. Do you teach during the day (before 4:30 PM) or in the evening (4:30 PM or later)?

_____	Day	1
_____	Evening	2
_____	Both	3

3. How many courses are you teaching?

_____	One	1
_____	Two	2
_____	Three	3

4. Does the course (or courses) you teach include lecture, lab, or both lecture and lab hours?

_____	Lecture	1
_____	Lab	2
_____	Both	3

5. For how many total days each week do you come to campus to teach a course (or courses)?

_____	Two	1
_____	Three	2
_____	Four	3
_____	Five	4

6. If the course(s) you are teaching were scheduled next summer, which of the following schedules would you prefer?

A. More days each week but fewer hours	_____ A	1
B. Fewer days each week but more hours	_____ B	2
C. Same as this year	_____ C	3

KEYPUNCH

7. If classes were scheduled only four days each week, which of the following days would you prefer?

A. Monday through Thursday	____A	1
B. Tuesday through Friday	____B	2
C. No preference	____C	3

8. With an extra day off from teaching summer session classes, would you use more, less, or the same amount of fuel for other purposes than you would use to drive to college that day?

____More	1
____Less	2
____Same	3
____Does not apply	4

9. Have you previously taught LACCD summer session classes?

____Yes	1
____No	2

10. If you have previously taught LACCD summer session classes, has this year's schedule changed the number of days you teach each week?

____Yes	1
____No	2

11. If this year's schedule has changed the number of days each week that you teach, what effect, if any, has this had on your classes? Please write comments below.

12. If you have other comments or suggestions about the summer session schedule, please write them in the space below.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND HELP

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